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PRELIMINARY CONSUMER DISCUSSIONS.

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1. US PROPOSAL CONTAINED HEWITT TO LEGOUX LETTER (REFTEL

A) OF AN ADVANCE MEETING OF CONSUMERS BEFORE UNCTAD COPPER MEETING SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1 TO DEVELOP FIRM, AGREED POSITION ON MAJOR ISSUES HAS RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT FROM MAJOR OECD CAPITALS. HOWEVER, LEGOUX HAS INDICATED (REFTEL B) THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE HE IS IN A POSITION TO CONVENE A CONSUMERS MEETING.

2. SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR USING THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21-22 IN PARIS, FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON COPPER. BY PLACING COPPER ON THE AGENDA, DISCUSSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN AN EXISTING FRAMEWORK WHICH INCLUDES CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, AND WHICH WOULD NOT APPEAR AS AN ATTEMPT TO BY-PASS THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.

3. WE NOTE THAT UNCTAD COPPER MEETING IS ALREADY INCLUDED

ON THE HLGC AGENDA (REFTEL D). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THE COPPER MEETING, IF THEY ARE TO BE PRODUCTIVE, PROBABLY WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST A HALF DAY, WHICH WOULD MEAN EXTENDING THE HLGC MEETING FOR ANOTHER DAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE NEVERTHELESS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE GOVERNMENTS WITH AN INTEREST IN COPPER ARRANGE TO HAVE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 23. WE REALIZE THAT IN SOME CASES OECD FORMAT MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS OF REPRESENTATION SINCE THE DELEGATES TO THE HLGC WILL NOT BE, IN ALL CASES, DELEGATES TO THE UNCTAD COPPER MEETING. OUR INTENTION, IF A DISCUSSION ON COPPER IS HELD SEPTEMBER 23, WOULD BE TO SEND THE PRINCIPAL US DELEGATE TO THE UNCTAD COPPER MEETING TO PARIS FOR THE LAST PART OF THE HLGC MEETING.

4. THE FOLLOWING ARE AMONG THE ISSUES WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE HLGC OR FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AN AGREED CONSUMER POSITION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MARCH COPPER CONSULTATIONS AND THE UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER:

- A. CONTINUATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM AGREED UPON IN MARCH.
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PRODUCER/CONSUMER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORUM.

- C. REACTIONS TO A POSSIBLE REQUEST BY SOME PRODUCERS OR UNCTAD SECRETARIAT FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A STABILIZATION AGREEMENT.

5. FOR OTTAWA AND CANBERRA: WE REALIZE THAT THE OECD FRAMEWORK MAY CREATE SOME PROBLEMS FOR THE CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS. CANBERRA HAS INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH IT

HAS RESERVATIONS, IT WILL GO ALONG WITH A PRELIMINARY COPPER DISCUSSION AS PART OF THE HLGC AGENDA. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS EXPRESSED SAME VIEW. WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CANADA AND AUSTRALIA BE PRESENT AT A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON COPPER SO THAT THEY CAN GAIN A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSUMER POSITION AND, THUS, BE BETTER ABLE TO ACT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE CONSUMING AND PRODUCING INTERESTS AT THE MEETING.

6. FOR TOKYO, BONN AND LONDON: IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME OF THE PRODUCERS AT THE UNCTAD MEETING WILL SUPPORT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AND PURSUE GOALS RELATED MORE TO THE OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND THE COMMON FUND THAN TO THE SPECIFICS OF COPPER. THIS MAKES IT EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE THAT THE FOUR LARGEST CONSUMING COUNTRIES HAVE A UNIFIED POSITION ON THE MAJOR ISSUES BEFORE THE UNCTAD MEETING, EVEN IF THE EC IS UNABLE TO REACH COMPLETE AGREEMENT (REFTEL C)AND THE HLGC--AS IS

LIKELY--DOES NOT DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON ALL THE ISSUES.

7. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GUERONIK IS THINKING OF ARRANGING A MEETING OF SOME PRODUCERS IN PARIS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22. IF SO, SOME LIAISON BETWEEN THE OECD GROUP AND THE PRODUCERS WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING FURTHER POSTS CAN DEVELOP ON A POSSIBLE PRODUCER MEETING.

8. ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF THIS TELEGRAM TO HOST GOVERNMENTS, SEEK THEIR AGREEMENT ON THE ABOVE FRAMEWORK FOR PRELIMINARY COPPER DISCUSSIONS IN THE HLGC AS WELL AS IN ANY FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS, AND INFORM US OF THEIR REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ROBINSON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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